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By Name Bryant Miles

- ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☐ Cancel original claims 1-15 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☐ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 5 -20	0	x	\$80.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 -3	0	x	\$80.00	0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$710.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	710.00

- ☐ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity is already filed in the prior application.
- ☐ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity is attached.
4. ☐ Payment of fees:  
☒ Attached is a check in the amount of 710.00  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
6. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  

*new U.S. Patent No. 6,151,515,*  
 "This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/183,184, filed October 30, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/895,112, filed July 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,965,184, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/506,612, filed July 25, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,725,897, and <sup>claims benefit of</sup> provisional application Serial No. 60/000,839, filed July 3, 1995, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."  
*A: due*
7. ☐ A set of formal drawings (5 sheets) is enclosed.
8. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .
9. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to Cargill, Incorporated located at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:
- Merchant & Gould P.C.  
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11. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- ☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.
12. ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted
14. ☒ Also Enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449
15. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of Dennis R. Daley** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
16. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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